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Joy Clifton to H A Hall, September 1927

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Dear Aubrey

I've just written to tell Ernest not to post the journal, there is only one more meeting this year, so there would not be time to make extracts, for a paper reading. We went last week, a very large & enthusiastic gathering, the pistols were on show still, the men portion greatly interested, including the Governor, to whom I was introduced. Mrs Kelsall asked cousin Amy & I, which of us was the granddaughter of the owner of the pistols, we said both, only Amy explained I belonged to a younger generation than she did.

Well poor Sam Gillam has been in the Warwick Hospital for appendicitis, has been moved to the Esplanade Hotel. It has been coming on for years & years. He was too fat to operate the appendix was fixed to the spine. An abscess has formed in the wound & he is in bed again. We went & saw them. He can't do any work for 3 months.

Lionel Davis's station not Tebradden, is for sale. Lou Gillam said she thought they were in difficulties, went to England & built a house costing £5000, his surviving son is at Muresk.

I saw some photos sent out by George Kelsall of his trip Home to Bradford, he worked his passage in a cargo steamer.

We had tea at Cousin Amy's last Sunday & were late, only met the new kinsfolk as they were leaving, John is something of Hubert's build & appearance, his wife I have met before, her Father is the Engineer-in-chief of Tasmania. John's parents & he belong to Warwickshire, parents

live there now. They left a tea plantation in India because Mrs Hall could not stand the climate, then they went to Melbourne & Dr Merryweather advised them to come here. His wife was under treatment some thyroid gland stuff, anyway Tilley the chemist here asked John Hall if his wife wanted to kill herself, that this was monkey glands she was taking, it was making her desperately ill, so she has given up Drs etc & feels much better, she certainly looks less ghastly. They may return to India.

I expect we shall depart for the wilderness early in Oct, after the show. We went to the Memorial or unveiling of Lord Forrest's statue by Collier, Archbishop Riley made the wittiest speech.

Loulou is holidaying at Mt Lawley for a week, but was not feeling much good, same throat trouble, very low spirited, she has taken a room near me for next week & she is having a part of the time with the Riddells in Swanbourne, Melbourne people, the daughter a [---] student.

The Kelsalls have also invited her for a week.

Some of the people in F M States think Kitty & Peggy have not lived because they don't smoke or drink cocktails.

Don't know if I told you of Kitty's adventure. At a picnic given by a Rajah the guests wore bathers after luncheon & slid down a waterfall 100 feet on a banana leaf.

Well good night dear one
Much love to Helen the children & your dear old self
Your loving sister
Joy M Clifton

This is a secret don't be too startled. Next winter Ger wants to go north & is going to save with that idea. I've told Loulou so that she might be able to do the same, the longest winter holiday is 3 weeks. I think the best idea would be to rent a small cottage in Carnarvon & so could miss most of the wet here.

At last we are erecting in about 10 days a simple marble cross, in *outward* memory of my baby Joyce.

I'm thankful.

Ger's sister Kate from Africa is in England & has sold all the Clifton books & treasures